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## **Zion National Park** News Release

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## Fire Restrictions to be Implemented in Zion National Park; Campfires Prohibited

As a result of the extreme fire danger in Zion National Park restrictions on campfires and smoking on trails is being instituted. These restrictions will be in effect starting **Wednesday**, **July 14, 2004** and will be enforced until rescinded by the Superintendent. Park officials feel that the risk to public safety and structures within Zion National Park from a human-caused fire is great enough that these restrictions are necessary.

The following acts will be **prohibited** in Zion National Park until further notice starting Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire in campgrounds, picnic areas, or permanently improved places of habitation.\*
  - \*Stoves fueled by petroleum, liquid Propane Gas (LPG), or charcoal fires are allowed.
- Smoking on all trails.\*
  - \*Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or designated smoking area.
- Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices, is prohibited at all times on all federal public lands.

Violation of the above, prohibited acts is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than twelve months, or both.

For information concerning fire restrictions in Zion National Park call 435 772-3256.

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